



## OLD BLANDFORD CHURCH

Petersburg, Virginia

Was built in 1735

The following lines by an unknown author were found written on its walls about 1841

Thou art crumbling to the dust,	How doth ambition's hope take
old pile,	wing.
Thou art hastening to thy fall,	How droops the spirit now;
And 'round thee in thy loneliness	We hear the distant city's din.
Clings the ivy to thy wall	The dead are mute below.
The worshippers are scattered	The sun that shone upon their
now,	paths
Who knelt before thy shrine,	Now gilds their lonely graves;
And silence reigns where anthems	The zephyrs which once fanned
rose	their brows
In days of "Auld Lang Syne."	The grass above them waves.
And sadly sighs the wandering	Oh! could we call the many back
wind	Who've gathered here in vain—
Where oft in years gone by	Who've careless roved where we
Prayers rose from many hearts	do now,
to Him	Who'll never meet again;
The Highest of the High;	How would our very hearts be
The tramp of many a busy foot	stirred
That sought thy aisles is o'er	To meet the earnest gaze
And many a weary heart around	Of the lovely and the beautiful
Is still forever more.	The lights of other days.

PUB. BY PETERSBURG NEWS AGENCY, INC., PETERSBURG, VA.

*"Lustschirme" REG. U.S. PAT. OFF. MADE ONLY BY TICHNOR BROS., INC., BOSTON 15, MASS.*

POST-GARD

PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE

MADE IN U.S.A.

K-6983